THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) The Central Vigilance Commission advises the Government on the vigilance cases referred to it by the Government. The powers to grant permission for sanction of prosecution of Government officials vests with the concerned Ministries/Departments of the Government of India.

(b) and (c) During the last three years (2000,2001 & 2002) the Central Vigilance Commission has informed that it advised prosecution in respect of 52 cases involving 54 officials.

(d) Government is fully alive to the need to root out corruption and to ensure transparency in its dealings as far as possible to build confidence amongst the general public and also foreign investors. Government has introduced checks and balances for bringing about accountability and for ensuring efficiency in the administration.The Secretary of each Department, assisted by Chief Vigilance Officer has been made responsible for ensuring probity and integrity in his Department. Government has also taken several measures to ensure transparency such as setting up of 90 facilitation centres, as on 1.12.2002 in various Ministries/Departments/Organisations to provide information and assistance to the public regarding schemes and procedures of the organizations concerned. Also 71 Central Government Organisations have published Citizen's Charters reflecting the commitment of the concerned Ministries, Departments or agencies to provide services within the time-frame specified. Some Ministries and Departments have also developed their own websites for promotion of e-governance. The Freedom of Information Act, 2002 has also been enacted for ensuring greater transparency, openness and accountability in the functioning of the public authorities.

Commissioning of on-going hydel projects

1486. SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) which of the on-going hydel projects are likely to be commissioned by the end of December, 2003;

(b) the quantum of additional power generation estimated out of these projects; and

(c) target for hydel power generation addition for the year 2003-2004?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) and (b) Details of ongoing hydro electric projects which are likely to be commissioned by end of December, 2003 are enclosed as Statement. *(See* below) These projects will give benefits of 3015 Megawatt.

(c) Hydro Capacity addition target for the year 2003-04 is likely to be 3765 Megawatt.

Statement

Ongoing hydro projects likely to be commissioned by end December2003

SI. No.	Name of Projects/ Organization/State/ Nos.xSize = Capacity MW	Already achieved Capacity (MW)	Target
1	2	3	4
1.	Chamera Stage-ll Himachal Pradesh/NHPC 3X100 = 300MW		300
2.	Dulhasti H.E. Project Jammu & Kashmir/NHPC 3X130=*390MW		390
3.	Nathpa Jhakri H.R/NJPC Joint Venture 6X250 = 1500MW		1500
4.	Tehri St. 1 Uttaranchal/THDC 4X250 = 1000MW		250
5.	Kopili St. II Assam/NEEPCO 1 X 25 = 25 MW		25

1	2	3	4
6.	Sardar Sarovar Gujarat/Mah./M.P. Gujarat/ Canal Head Power House 5X50 = 250 MW	2 Units of 50 = 100 MW	150
7.	Srisailam LBPH A.P./APGENCO 6X150 = 900MW	4 Units of 150 = 600 MW	300
8.	Baspa H.R/JPHPCL 3X100 = 300MW	2 Units of 100 = 200 MW	100
		GRAND TOTAL	3015 MW

Tapping of Hydro Power Potential

1487. SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether to lessen dependence on spiraling fossil fuel prices the Government would consider tapping the balance hydro power potential in the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that the prevailing hydro thermal imbalance the share of hydro power is to be enhanced and if so, to what extent;

(c) whether Government have undertaken any study on the additional hydro power potential and if so, how many schemes have been finalised with their locations and generation capacity; and

(d) whether mini-hydel schemes are viable which are closer to user community and does not involve transmission set up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) The Government of India is according high priority to exploit the untapped hydro-electric potential in the country. A capacity addition of 14,393 MW from hydro projects is to be achieved during the 10th Plan.